

SPOTLIGHT

Visit to Diskrom - Canberra

On Wednesday 8 December 1993 several committee members of the ALLG were invited by Diskrom to visit Canberra and view first-hand their operation. Although it was an early start, we were not disappointed. After meeting the Diskrom management team and staff we were presented with an overview of the Diskrom operation. This included the background of Diskrom/CLS, the production process, recent product developments, and an outline of their IQM programme. The production process included a demonstration of their computerised version of cut and paste amendments, a rather sophisticated process that ensures all of the material is updated on a regular basis. Information can be received in hard copy directly from Parliament, or in computerised form from Government Printers or Government Departments. As legislation is passed Diskrom have immediate access to the information and using SGML (mark-up

language), together with value adding at the production process, ensure currency and accuracy.

We were then given the opportunity to ask questions about their operation and any concerns or problems we were experiencing. The obvious question about the future of Diskrom now that the joint venture with the Commonwealth has ended, was met with a very confident "Yes" we are still in business and will continue to be so in the future. They are currently looking at new products which they hope to launch over the next eighteen months.

Overall it was a very successful day that combined an overview of where Diskrom is heading, with a chance for the users to have their say, and concluded with a wonderful lunch and tour of Parliament House.

For any further enquiries regarding Diskrom, contact Meryl Carter on (02) 2235911

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Pictured left to right: Una Doyle (Marketing Development & Customer Services Manager), Roxanne Missingham (ACT), Des Quilty (Canberra Manager), Yvonne Butler (Mallesons Stephen Jaques), Christopher Stephen (Executive Director), Marion Kingham (Ebsworth & Ebsworth), Ruth Bird (Arthur Robinson & Hedderwicks), David Eagle (General Manager), Jenny Wood (Law Institute of Victoria), Anne Gardner (Minter Ellison Northmore Hale), Di Thompson (Legal Services Commission), Jan Rees (Minter Ellison Morris Fletcher), Meryl Carter (National Sales Manager), Richard Goldsmith (Senate), Sue Thaler (IQM Manager)

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